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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.
Gracious God, You have made of one blood all the nations of the Earth. As hate crimes rise nationwide, deliver us from permitting evil to triumph because we do nothing. Lord, make us a people who refuse to remain idle during a crisis. Inspire us to avoid the paralysis of analysis. Remind us that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere and that we are diminished by every death.

Keep our lawmakers vigilant, providing our Nation with profiles of courage through their striving. Lord, use our Senators to cause justice to shine upon those who sit in the shadows of despair.

And, Lord, thank You for the safe return of our lawmakers from Ukraine.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

ADDITIONAL UKRAINE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022—MOTION TO PROCEED—Resumed

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 7691, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 368, H.R. 7691, a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Ukraine for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Hawaii.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

(Ms. HIRONO assumed the Chair.)

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. DUCKWORTH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, SHOOTING

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, 2 days ago, barbarism descended upon the city of Buffalo. At about 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, in a predominantly Black neighborhood on Buffalo's east side, a lone gunman, driving from 200 miles away, equipped with an assault rifle, body armor, and a video camera in his helmet, carried out a targeted attack against unarmed civilians inside a Tops Friendly supermarket. His goal? To kill as many Black Americans as possible. In a matter of minutes, 10 people were killed, including a former Buffalo Police officer who worked as a security guard. At least three more were wound-

ed. It was the deadliest shooting in the history of Buffalo and the worst mass shooting in America this year.

Today, we hold in our hearts every single New Yorker whose life was tragically cut short during Saturday's violence. We weep, knowing nothing—nothing—will ever be able to bring them back. We mourn with their families and with their friends, and with the entire community still shellshocked by this shooting.

Tomorrow, I will join with President Biden, the First Lady, and others to travel to Buffalo in order to pay my respects to those who died, as well as to visit with the families and to visit with the local officials still investigating the attack. We also, of course, thank our brave first responders who were at the scene moments after the shooting. Without them, more undoubtedly would have been killed.

We stand—we stand strongly and proudly with the community of Buffalo, known as the “city of neighbors.” Buffalonians during times of crisis have always pulled together, and that is happening today.

The East Side community, where the shooting occurred, is strong in faith. And I know it, along with the entire city and region, will overcome this tragedy. I say that because I know this community. Years ago, I worked hard to bring that grocery store to the east side of Buffalo because the community deserved a full-fledged supermarket. It was a much-needed oasis in what was then a total food desert.

I know many in the community shop at that grocery store, whether to buy food on their way home from church or before the Bills games. It is where people see friends and relatives and catch up on things in between errands. It has become a community center. Buffalo is the “City of Good Neighbors,” and nowhere is that truer than on the East Side.

Now, I don't know what could possess someone to bring violence to a place

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